



Saint John's Spirit

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Psalm 37:1-18: *Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*

A story recently published in *The Economist* spoke of improved energy costs and the resulting newfound opportunity to remake energy policy entirely. The article said, "Now, suddenly, the challenge should be one of managing abundance."

As spiritual beings, we manage not out of abundance, but out of scarcity, when we allow fear to dominate us. If we forget that we are saved by the grace of God, we struggle to relate with kindness to others. But because we *do* know of the grace of God, we can live our lives by "managing abundance:" by knowing God loves us and by responding appropriately.

Still, we cannot shake the instinct to let others upset our equilibrium with their criticisms, their accomplishments, their hurtful jabs. Psalm 37 encourages us to free ourselves from those influences, saying, "Do not fret yourself because of evildoers." We are instead called to "Put your trust in the Lord and do good," and to "dwell in the land and feed on its riches."

Chief among our riches stands the life-saving grace of God. No matter what anyone else does to us, we are saved by the grace of God. Now, the challenge is one of "managing abundance."

From Rev. Carol Mead, St. Peter's By-the-Lake, Brandon, MS



Soup Supper & Study

We have joined with Christ Lutheran Church ("CLC") this year for worship, soup supper and study. All meetings will be at CLC, 300 W. South Blvd. We will alternate providing the soup and bread for the supper. We will begin at 5:30p for supper, followed by a brief prayer time and discussion. We will end by 7:30p.

March 4- "The Sower" (St. John's provides the soups/bread and Rev. Jan facilitates)

March 11 – "The Lamp" and "The Mustard Seed" (CLC provides the soups and Rev. Kelly facilitates)

March 18 – “The Vineyard” (St. John’s provides the soups/bread and Rev. Jan facilitates)

March 25 – Conclusion and discussion around Holy Week (CLC provides the soups and both Rev. Kelly facilitates)



March continues our consideration of the *Lives of Great Christians*. Please join us at 9:15a on Sunday mornings in Whitlock Hall.



St. John’s has not given any support to the Family Crisis Shelter for several years. The Outreach Committee decided we would include The Family Crisis Shelter in this year’s focus of food insecurity. Many of the clients from the center attend the Food Finders events, as the families are in crisis, living often with a lack of monetary support. Outreach is proposing that we have a 5/\$50 drive as we did last year for Food Finders. This time the support would go to the Crisis Shelter. Individuals or groups can donate \$50 to build the pie on the Outreach bulletin board. When we reach \$250, we will match that amount from our Outreach budget. If you do not feel inclined to donate to the 5/\$50 drive, you might consider donating any of the items listed below the description of the services provided by the Family Crisis Shelter. There are also opportunities to become involved with the shelter as a volunteer.

Family Crisis Shelter offers the following services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault:

- **24 Hour Crisis Hotline** - We operate a crisis hotline 365 days a year for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault where people can get the information they need or speak to caring individuals trained in crisis intervention.
- **Case Management** - Our professional case management team works to empower survivors so they can work to achieve their unique goals that will lead to a safe self-sufficiency.
- **Referral Services** - Callers to the hotline, nonresidential clients, and FCS guests are referred to appropriate community resources.
- **Youth Services** - Children and teenagers work with our Youth Advocate to learn about what they are going through and about appropriate ways to deal with anger and sadness.
- **Legal Advocacy** - We work with survivors to assist them with protective orders, victim compensation, and general assistance to navigate the legal system.
- **Rape and Sexual Assault Advocacy** - Victims of rape and sexual assault can access our advocacy services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling the Crisis Hotline and requesting assistance.

- **Residential services** - We offer safe housing for our guests for up to 60 days.
- **Clothing Pantry** - Guests are provided with clothing on an as-needed basis.
- **Transitional Living** - Guests that are working toward their goals, but need an extra layer of support as they work toward self-sufficiency are encouraged to apply for our Transitional Living Program designed to provide them with housing and case management for up to two years.
- **Weekly Support Group** - We offer a support group for survivors that is open to all community members who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- **Community Outreach and Education** - The Community Liaison works throughout the community to educate individuals about issues relating to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and FCS.

Immediate needs

- Twin sized sheets
- Laundry detergent
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectant spray
- Hand soap and sanitizer
- Paper products
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Umbrellas
- Medium-to-large size women's clothing
- Personal care items
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Used cell phones

Gift cards

FCS uses gift cards from grocery stores, pharmacies, and department stores to help take care of guest needs (medications, clothing for work, school supplies, etc.) as they arise.

Sponsorships

Please consider assisting FCS' guests by sponsoring a monthly utility bill. Call 765-361-6504 or [email us](#) for details.

Opportunities for volunteering at the Family Crisis Center:

Family Crisis Shelter receives hundreds of crisis calls each year and has a great need to for assistance in that area. If you have a heart for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, working as a Crisis Volunteer may be the perfect opportunity for you!

Maintenance Volunteers

As with any building, FCS is always in need of general upkeep, maintenance, and repairs.

Unfortunately, FCS may not always have the staff or expertise necessary. That's where maintenance volunteers save the day to help FCS make improvements and maintain the property.

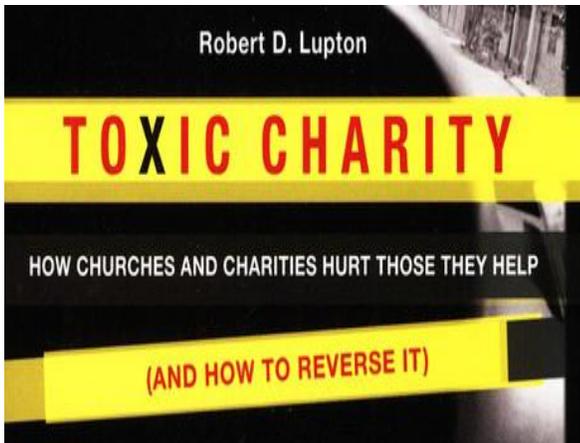
Special Program Volunteers

Do you have a skill or gift you would like to share with survivors? For example, would you like to work with FCS guests to teach them crafts, cooking, or survival skills? FCS is always looking for ways to improve guest programming, and volunteers do a lot in that area.

Help Wanted:

#1 A go-getter to organize St. John's booth at the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival. Corn hole equipment is available. Responsibilities include scheduling helpers for the three day weekend, attending the festival organizational meeting, and arranging for set up of the game. . A committee will be appointed to help. Email Jane Gallagher at jl Gallagher@outlook.com or leave a message in the church office.

#2 Needed immediately: Someone to be the contact person for the Christ Church Cathedral Strawberry Fest. This person would need to organize a team to work at the Circle in Indy for a few hours serving strawberries. St. John's earns money for each person who helps during the event which is then designated for local charity giving. It is great fun. Please let Jane Gallagher or Rev. Jan know if you would be willing to build a team for this event.



Head's Up – Future Event

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is hosting Robert Lupton, the author of Toxic Charity on Tuesday, May 5th for lunch at the Crawfordsville Country Club. There are sign-up sheets on the credenza.

We will offer a chance to discuss the ideas Mr. Lupton puts forth on May 12th beginning at 1p in Whitlock (please feel free to bring your lunch). Our focus is our response to Mr. Lupton's premises and how, if we accept them, we respond. All are welcome, whether members of St. John's or not. You can purchase the book online (it is

also available as an e-book) but you do not have to have read it to come on May 12th.

Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment. Days off are generally Thursdays and Fridays but please call if you have a pastoral emergency regardless of what day of the week it is! Check the calendar posted on the office door for the most current schedule.

~ March 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a Formation 1:30p God & Me 3p EFM	2 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 11-2 League of Women Voters/Whitlock	3 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 9:25 Tuttle Chapel 11a-MCCF @ Country Club 7p-Community Chorus - Whitlock	4 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 11-2 Garden Club 5:30p-Lenten Soup Supper	5 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Choir	6 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	7 Oller: Diocesan Offices re meeting General Convention 7:30a-Men's Lenten Breakfast @Grace & Mercy 8a-Women's Lenten Breakfast @ New Hope Christian
8 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a Formation 3p EFM DAY LIGHT Savings Time!	9 Oller: 12:30-3:30 Meeting outside office	10	11 7:30a-Centering Prayer 5:30p-Lenten Soup Supper	12 7p-Choir	13	14 7:30a- Men's Lenten Breakfast @Waynetown Christian 8a-Women's Lenten Breakfast @ Whitesville Christian
15 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a Formation 3p EFM	16 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	17 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 9:25 Tuttle Chapel	18 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 10a-Oller: meeting outside office 5:30p-Lenten Soup Supper 7p- Vestry/Library	19 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Choir	20 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	21 8:30a Divorce Recovery Workshop/Library 7:30a-Men's Lenten Breakfast @Liberty Chapel 8a- Women's Lenten Breakfast @Mt. Zion Methodist
22 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a Formation 1:30p- God & Me 3p EFM	23 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	24 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 9:25 Tuttle Chapel	25 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 5:30p-Lenten Soup Supper	26 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Choir	27 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	28 Oller: COM meeting @ St. Mark's, Plainfield 7:30a- Men's Lenten Breakfast @ First Assembly of God 8a- Women's Lenten Breakfast @ Woodland Heights 8:30a- Community Breakfast (free) @ Christ Lutheran
29 8 & 10:30a HE 9:15a Formation 3p EFM PALM SUNDAY	30 Holy Week 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p- Service	31 Holy Week 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 9:25 Tuttle Chapel 6:30p-Oller/Library	Notes: Lenten Soup Supper is at Christ Lutheran Church, 300W. South St., Crawfordsville			

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	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
Mar. 1								None-Lent		
8a	P. Swanson	P. Swanson		C. Fields						
10:30a	J. Wynne	R. Pickering & Meribeth Kussmaul	W. Tuner	B. Turner	Garys	S. Evans & J. Gallagher	N. Bennett & T. Twarek		S. Fain & J. Oller	
Mar. 8								None-Lent		
8a	A. Ashbaugh	A. Ashbaugh		S. Charles						
10:30a	E. Fain	J. & B. Culley	Sam Hildebrand		B. Easterling & S. Albrecht	J. Yerkes & T. Lawrence	S. Albrecht & W. Olander		S. Fain & J. Oller	
Mar. 15								None-Lent		
8a.	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		P. Swanson						
10:30a	W. Olander	A. Ashbaugh & R. Pickering	S. Charles	CJ Charles	J. Hartnett & J. Lamberton	C Charles & C. Fields	E. Fain & J. Gary		D. Booher & H. Hudson	Olanders
Mar. 22								None-Lent		
8a.	J. Suren	J. Suren		C. Fields						
10:30a	H. Hudson	M. Hudson & D. Booher	Sam Hildebrand		Olanders	C. Meyer & J. Tussey	A. White & J. Roberts		D. Booher & H. Hudson	
Mar. 29								None-Lent		
8a.	R. Pickering	R. Pickering		K. Haffner						
10:30a	W. Turner	K. Roberts & L. Baumgardner	W. Turner	B. Turner	Kussmauls	B. Culley & M. Reidy	N. Bennett & T. Twarek		R. & E. Pickering	

Meals on Wheels: 3/5: C. & J. Smith; 3/12: C. Meyer & B. Culley; 3/19: C. Short & T. Twarek; 3/26: S. & S. Hildebrand
If you cannot serve as noted above, please arrange for a substitute and also inform the office ASAP. Thank you!